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VALENTINE'S DAY GIFT TO THE COMMUNITY OF CURACAO

On February 12th 35 people from the U.S. Forward Operating Location (USFOL) in Curacao went out into the community to share the perfect Valentine's Day gift for those in need. Two projects encompassing 230 volunteer hours and 2017 NAF worth of supplies and materials were going on simultaneously on this special day.

The first location was in Fuik where a large group gathered to completely paint the roof of the Funashon Amigunan di Cristo (Fuik Community Center). This long-standing center offers a vital after-school tutoring program for many children in Fuik as well as AWANA club on Sundays. It was the talk of the neighborhood as many neighbors reported, "The Center now has a new roof." The owners Cesar and Emma Eman could not be happier. Emma Eman said, "My heart jumped for joy when I saw the bright blue roof from blocks away."

The second location was at the Jan Doret Ball field where a smaller group gathered to help Coach Charlton Cijntje to clean up the park, work on the pitcher's mound, and paint the bathroom house and snack bar as he prepared for an upcoming tournament. Also, USFOL staff provided a Bobcat backhoe to make light work of building another access bridge to the field. Coach Cijntje coaches a team in which more than 125 teenagers are involved from the surrounding community. Coach Cijntje also leads the national Curacao World Series Little League team every year to Williamsport, PA for the championship series. Coach Cijntje was pleased by the progress that was made and the assistance given by the USFOL to provide his team a suitable place to practice and play baseball.

Dia 12 di Februári, 35 persóna di e base militar Merikano FOL na Korsow a bai den komunidad pa kompartí e regalo perfékto di dia di San Valentino pa esunan den necesidad. Dos proyekto konsistiendo di 230 óranan boluntário, mas suministro i materiálnan na balór di Naf. 2,017.00 tabata tumándo lugar semultániamente riba e dia speisial aki.

E promé lugar tabata na Fuik, kaminda un grúpo grandi a reuní pa ferf e dak kompletu di e Fundashon Amigunan di Cristo (Sentro Komunitário Fuik). E sentro antiguo aki ta ofresé e programa vitál di lésnan después di skól pa hópi mucha di Fuik, támbe pa e klup AWANA riba Djadúmingu. Tabatá e tópiko di dia ora ku hintér bisindário tabata bisa, "E Sentro awór tin un dak nóbo."

E dónjonan Cesar i Emma Eman no por tabatá mas konténtu. Emma Eman a bisa, “Mi kurasón a búla di alegría ora mi a mira di aleú e dak blou brillante,”

E sigiente lugar tabatá e párke di bala na Jan Doret, kamínda un grupo mas chikítu a reuní pa júda e coach Charlton Cijntje limpia e párke, drécha e base di e pitcher, ferf e banjo i e snack bar, preparando pa un torneo ku tabatá bai kuminsá.

E base Merikano FOL támbé a fasilítá un Bobcat pa hasi mas lihé e trabao di traha un otro aksesu na e párke. Coach Cijntje ta coach un team den kua más ku 125 hóben di kuminidád den bisindário ta embolbí.

Coach Cijntje tambe túr anja ta dirigí e liga national di Serie Mundial di Liganan Menor di Korsow na Williamsport, PA pa e serie di kampionato.

Coach Cijntje ta hópi kontentu ku e progrésu ku a wordu hasí i ku e asisténsia di e base Merikano FOL a duna su team tin un lugar apropiá pa praktika i hunga bala.

The USFOL, 429th Expeditionary Operations Squadron, supports multinational aircraft operations that conduct detection, monitoring and tracking missions supporting counter-drug efforts in the region. USFOL Curaçao was formed as a result of an agreement between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the United States whereby aircraft and crews deploy to the USFOL on a temporary basis to conduct mission operations. USFOL military and civilian personnel often volunteer their services in support of community projects and are pleased to partner with local agencies in reaching out to the people of Curaçao.

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